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No. 19-60038 USA v. Maurice Clifton  
USDC No. 3:97-CR-6-1

Dear Mr. Clifton,

We have docketed your appeal. You should use the number listed above on all future correspondence.

### **You should carefully read the following sections**

Filings in this court are governed strictly by the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, **NOT** the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. We cannot accept motions submitted under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. We can address only those documents the court directs you to file, or motions filed under the FED. R. APP. P. in support of the appeal. See FED. R. APP. P. and 5<sup>TH</sup> CIR. R. 27 for guidance. Documents not authorized by these rules will not be acknowledged or acted upon.

### **Court Fees**

You must pay a filing fee for your notice of appeal unless the district court has entered an order exempting you from paying the fee under FED. R. APP. P. 24. The \$505.00 Court of Appeals docketing fee is due within 15 days from this date, and you must notify this office once this is done. If you do not pay the filing fee, or file a motion with the district court clerk for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal, we will dismiss your appeal without further notice, see 5<sup>TH</sup> CIR. R. 42.3.

ATTENTION ATTORNEYS: Attorneys are required to be a member of the Fifth Circuit Bar and to register for Electronic Case Filing. The "Application and Oath for Admission" form can be printed or downloaded from the Fifth Circuit's website, [www.ca5.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov). Information on Electronic Case Filing is available at [www.ca5.uscourts.gov/cmecf/](http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/cmecf/).

The clerk's office offers brief templates that may assist counsel in the preparation of the brief. To access the brief templates counsel must log in to CM/ECF and from the Utilities menu, select 'Brief Template'.

We recommend that you visit the Fifth Circuit's website, [www.ca5.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov) and review material that will assist you during the appeal process. We especially call to your attention the Practitioner's Guide and the 5th Circuit Appeal Flow Chart, located in the Forms, Fees, and Guides tab.

**Sealing Documents on Appeal:** Our court has a strong presumption of public access to our court's records, and the court scrutinizes any request by a party to seal pleadings, record excerpts, or other documents on our court docket. Counsel moving to seal matters must explain in particularity the necessity for sealing in our court. Counsel do not satisfy this burden by simply stating that the originating court sealed the matter, as the circumstances that justified sealing in the originating court may have changed or may not apply in an appellate proceeding. It is the obligation of counsel to justify a request to file under seal, just as it is their obligation to notify the court whenever sealing is no longer necessary. An unopposed motion to seal does not obviate a counsel's obligation to justify the motion to seal.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk

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Provided below is the court's official caption. Please review the parties listed and advise the court immediately of any discrepancies. If you are required to file an appearance form, a complete list of the parties should be listed on the form exactly as they are listed on the caption.

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Case No. 19-60038

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

MAURICE CLIFTON,

Defendant - Appellant